

MARKED-UP COPY OF ORIGINAL ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the specification as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multiple-fold umbrella includes a rib assembly pivotally secured to a central shaft, with the rib assembly including a stretcher rib pivotally connected with a top rib and pivotally secured to the central shaft, an intermediate rib pivotally connected between ~~he~~ the stretcher rib and a rear rib, and a resilient connecting rib slidably coupled with the intermediate rib and resiliently secured with a spring device between the stretcher rib ~~through a spring device~~ and the rear rib, whereby upon opening of the umbrella, the resilient connecting rib will be arcuately bent in order for automatically ejecting the rear rib outwardly for opening the umbrella quickly without the aid of manual pulling by the user's hand; and upon closing of the umbrella, the spring device, which is previously tensioned to store its resilience when opening the umbrella, will restore the rib assembly to resiliently retract the rib assembly for accelerating the folding of the umbrella.

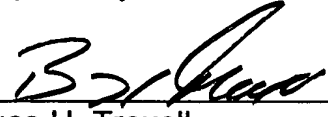
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An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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